GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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UNICEF AIDED PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any UNICEF aided project is being implemented in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the project as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b)&(c) UNICEF supports the Government of Bihar in the following programme areas:

Mothers and Child Health Care.
Primary Education.
Safe Drinking Water and Environmental Sanitation.
Child Development and Nutrition.
Women's Development and Empowerment.
Promotion of the Convention of the Rights of Children including Child Protection Issues.

The details and status of the projects are given below:
Health: UNICEF has supported the Bihar Government in developing social mobilisation of communities for eradication of polio in the high-risk blocks and provided IEC material. The cold chain system has been established and the cold chain handlers have been trained in the maintenance of both electrical and non-electrical cold chain system.

Education: UNICEF supported projects being implemented in Bihar are as under:
The Bihar Education project,
The State Programme for Elementary Education Development (SPEED)
In addition UNICEF is assisting the Directorate of Primary Education with the State Education Management Information System.
Child Development and Nutrition programme: UNICEF provided technical assistance to the State Government, especially in the area of capacity building. It assisted the State Government's efforts in strengthening State ICDS training task force, Nutrition Task force and early childhood development (ECD) State co-ordination committees.
UNICEF supported state-wide Vitamin 'A' supplementation campaigns reaching out to 13 million children in the age 9 months to 5 years. The project for control of nutritional anaemia for school going adolescent girls in five districts has achieved the targeted coverage.
Under community convergent action Women's Federation of women's group has been formed in West Champaran and Gaya.
Water and sanitation programme: At least one water source has been installed for 2522 difficult to reach habitations which did not have any source at the end of 1998.
Child Labour: The UNICEF-assisted child labour project's major policy outcome was the establishment of the State Child Labour Commission to impart training, render advice to Government.
HELPLINEs have been set up which have mobilised legal, medical and counseling rsources as well as police assistance to address complaints.
Support was extended to set up mechanism within the government with community participation for countering gender violence particularly domestic violence.